

# Baseball Rumors Fly Thick and Fast as Time Approaches for Training Trips

## SCHOLASTIC RELAYS RUN OFF IN HEATS AT COMING GAMES

Novel Plan Will Determine Supremacy Beyond Doubt.

The management of the Georgetown meet will introduce a novel plan this year for the running of high school and athletic club relays.

Instead of running two or three teams in a match race, these races are to be open to all such teams in the South, to be run in heats. In this way supremacy among the teams contesting will be decided without doubt, and the prize offered will be more prestigious. This plan has been followed in New York and Philadelphia for the past few years, and has met with great success. It will practically be the first time such has been attempted in Washington, and should create considerable interest.

Word was received from Richmond College yesterday that the Southerners were willing to run again against the Georgetown Relays. This clinches one of the leading attractions for the meet. St. John's College fast team has been added to the race, thus making it a three-cornered affair.

**Departmental Race.**

The departmental relay has stirred up an unusual amount of enthusiasm in the Government offices, and it is practically assured that there will be at least four teams competing. The Navy Yard and Bureau of Engraving have already signified their intention of entering teams.

The senior and junior high schools and private school relay championships of the South will bring out many of the leading schools of this section of the country. Central High, of Washington, has not competed in a relay race this year, but will appear in the Georgetown games with one of the strongest teams ever turned out at the school. Western, Eastern, Eastern, and Central High Schools, Episcopal High, of Alexandria, and the high schools of Virginia have been invited to compete for the handsome set of prizes to be offered. Along with this there will be a similar relay race for junior high school and private school teams, the distance to be 1200 yards, instead of one mile, as in the senior race.

**Three-Cornered Event.**

In completing the list of relays Manager Moran has been endeavoring to arrange a one-mile race between Maryland Agricultural College, Catholic University, and Washington College, of Chantersville, Md. "Mike" Thompson, former graduate manager at Georgetown and at present the leading football referee of the country, is in charge of the Washington College team, and predicts that his men will make a strong showing on this, their first appearance this season.

These three teams are not as fast as the big colleges of the South, but the athletic rivalry existing between them assures their followers in Washington and vicinity of a close race. They will also be represented in the individual events.

## G. W. U. WILL RUN AGAIN WITH C. U.

It is understood this morning at George Washington University that the mile relay team which competed with the quartet from the Catholic University in the Fifth Regiment games in Baltimore last Saturday, and which was disqualified on an alleged foul after winning the race by a twenty-yard margin, has been matched to run against the same team in the Hopkins games next Saturday night.

The Hatchette team will probably be the same as last Saturday's race with the possible exception that Manager Fleming may supplant one of the other four. The race is creating considerable excitement among the spectators in the Fifth Regiment meet, and will be closely watched by the student body.

The other George Washington entries will probably be the same as in the previous Baltimore meet. Tompkins, who won the shotput, and Sterrett, in the pole vault, should make a good showing.

## NINETEEN FINISH IN ECONOMY TEST

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Nineteen of the twenty-three cars that started before daylight yesterday morning in the midwinter economy and endurance run of the Long Island Automobile Club returned to the clubhouse well within the time limit last night.

The run was one of the most strenuous as well as the most interesting from the standpoint of demonstrating the ability of the regular stock machine to travel long distances under rough conditions that has been held in the metropolitan locality for some time.

Twenty-three cars started, and the four that failed to finish were prevented from doing so by accidents on the road, the most serious being experienced by the 45-horsepower Lozier, driven by David Mahoney, which skidded in making a turn on the icy surface of the road, just outside of Southampton, ran into the curb and smashing against a telephone pole, crumpled off a rear and front wheel and gave seven passengers a lively shaking up. No one was injured.

## MORELAND ISSUES BOOK OF RECORDS

George L. Moreland, the well-known Pittsburgh statistician, has issued the second edition of his book on baseball records.

Besides the many pages of records, the book contains much valuable information for baseball "fans" and the invaluable percentage table, which saves hours of work for the compiler of averages.

Any one fortunate enough to get one of these books is well fortified for any arguments that may arise during the coming season.

## Athletics May Lose Ed Plank

Southpaw Will Remain in Gettysburg After College Season.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—According to the latest communication, Manager Mack has received from Eddie Plank, it looks very much as though the Athletics will be without the services of their great southpaw pitcher this season. Plank says that after he gets through coaching Gettysburg College he will remain in Gettysburg.

Manager Mack says there has been no hitch on the salary question, but Plank has simply decided to quit baseball altogether. The loss of Plank and Waddell in one season will be a severe blow to the Athletic pitching staff. Manager Mack thinks Plank is really sincere about quitting, and has at last given up all hope of having Ed with the team on the Southern trip.

**Not a Bluffer.**

"Plank is not a man who would make a bluff of quitting for the purpose of boosting his salary. He knows me too well for that," said Mr. Mack.

"Well, if Plank lost his arm or if he died, the Athletic club would have to get along without him, and if he really means to quit, which I think he does, we will have to find some one to take his place."

**An Old-Timer.**

Plank has been with the Athletics since they first started in the American League, and his steady pitching has made him the mainstay of Mack's staff every year. Connoisseurs consider Plank the best pitcher in the country.

Besides being a reliable man in the box, he was also a pretty fair hitter, and his habits were ideal.

## Taylor's Injuries More Serious Than At First Expected

Runper Must Exercise Care If He Hopes to Go Abroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—J. B. Taylor, the great runner of Pennsylvania, is out of athletics for many months to come, according to information received by local athletes yesterday.

Taylor has suffered a very severe strain of the muscles of the stomach, and has been advised by a physician to quit athletics entirely until he is back in shape.

The first symptoms of a breakdown occurred while Taylor was training for the cross-country championships last November. After a few weeks of rest the negro star became the hero at a number of indoor meets, and the great strain proved too much for him. If Taylor follows the advice of the physician he will be able to go to Europe as a member of the American Olympic team. The loss of so good a man as Taylor is a severe blow to the Philadelphia Athletics, especially as Harry Hillman, Taylor's greatest rival, has been showing similar signs of a breakdown.

It was announced about a week ago by the management of the Pennsylvania track team that Taylor would have to quit running for a while, but it was not known at that time he was injured as seriously as now proves the case.

## EPISCOPAL HIGH ANNUAL TOURNEY

The annual gymnasium tournament of the Episcopal High School of Alexandria, Va., is scheduled to take place next Saturday, February 23, in the school gymnasium.

A large number of the boys have signified their intention of competing for the medal awarded the best gymnast and the coveted "E," the school insignia which goes with it, and the exercises are expected to be especially interesting.

The judges of the contest will be B. M. Fontaine, of George Washington University, and the Washington School for Boys, and Prof. Echols and Dr. Lambeth, both of the University of Virginia.

A large attendance of the alumni and friends of the school from Washington and elsewhere is expected.

## FANCY SKATERS HAVE AN INNING TONIGHT

If you feel that you really must show how graceful you are you may get a piece of money if you are the real goods. The opportunity will be offered at the skating rink in Convention Hall tonight, when prizes will be awarded to the three most graceful performers in the free-for-all competition in fancy skating.

The management has made arrangements to give everybody who has any ability on rollers a chance to show what he or she both together can do, after which those who are a little stiff in the joints will be allowed to skate as usual.

## BOSTON WILL TAKE THIRTY MEN SOUTH

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 26.—"We shall take about thirty men South, including, of course, the players who are already at the Hot Springs," says Manager Jim McGuire, of the Red Sox, who spent the day at the club's headquarters.

"For a guess, I should say we will start with Unglaub, Laporte, Wagner, and Lord in the infield, and Gessler, Thoney, and Barrett in the outfield. I have received some interesting letters from Barrett and Lou Griger this winter. Griger wrote that he was in fine condition and gained in weight during the winter."

## That New York to Paris Auto Race



## SOME SPRING HOPES OF A. L. BALL CLUBS

Practically every manager in the American League is banking on certain recruits. It's a cinch that a number of the men who look good now will fall short of expectations, so there are bound to be many packages of sorrow handed out in the Detroit Journal dope.

The development of one or two young pitchers who can take their place regularly is what Manager Jennings hopes for. Suggs, Summers, Warhop, Malloy, Bumpus Jones, and Willet, are carry-over expectations, and if one or two of this select group turn out to be good, President Navin says he will be amply repaid for the big amount he has expended in getting and maintaining them.

**Washington.**

Joe Cantillon, at Washington, is pinning most of his hopes to his new men. He is looking for Jerry Freeman, of Minneapolis, to hold down first; McBride, of Kansas City, to play short; Altier, third, and Milan, a Western Association outfielder, center. Street is expected to bolster up the catching department. Cantillon has a bunch of bush pitchers and he believes he will be able to spring a couple more of Johnstons.

**Chicago.**

Comiskey, at Chicago, is banking on his veterans, although he has a few new men that look good to him. Moxie Manuel is a pitcher from New Orleans, who will be given a thorough tryout. Manuel is credited with having a star ball, and it remains to be seen whether he can live up to the hopes. Sheldon Lejeune, who won the throwing event at the field meet in Cincinnati last summer, may break into the White Sox outfield, but it's doubtful.

**New York.**

Clarke Griffith is banking on one man to greatly strengthen his catching department or he would never have sold Thomas to Detroit. The catcher is Blair, secured from the Williamsport team in the Tri-State. Pitcher Castleman, who led the Southern League pitchers last year, was a disappointment in the fall tryout, but Griffith is still banking on Zeller, a big right hander, who worked on the same team. He is expected to be a first division team.

## CADET CORPS GIVES BALL THIS EVENING

The Corcoran Cadet Corps, Company E, First Regiment, D. C. N. G., will give a full dress ball this evening at National Rifles Armory.

Among those who are expected to attend are General Harries, Col. Emmet Urell, and Colonel Ourand. The music will be furnished by the National Guard Orchestra and dancing will begin at 9 o'clock with a grand march.

Those in charge of the entertainment are Capt. C. E. Edwards, Lieut. C. A. Meyer, Lieut. W. L. Hazard, Sergt. T. V. Clark, Sergt. E. W. Clefents, and Cadets H. W. Buell, D. S. Langley, P. S. Johnson, Joseph Turner, R. W. Coleman, J. A. Gravenon, T. Collinsworth, L. J. Burns, S. Cissassa, V. N. Heron, W. Hutton, H. Leach, J. C. Searlin, and H. T. Wood.

## MULLIN SKATES BUT MUST BEHAVE

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 26.—George Mullin, Detroit's heavyweight pitcher, backed up on his bluff to retire from the game and signed with the Tigers at a salary of \$3,000 a year.

Mullin wanted a clause inserted in his contract offering him a bonus if he won twenty-five games, but President Navin objected, and the owner won his point. There is one special clause in Mullin's contract, but this is against the pitcher's interests unless he behaves, as a penalty of \$100 in case he is disqualified.

## MORE LIBERAL.

"My husband, allows me all the pin money I want."

"Mine allows me all the hat money I want."

## BASEBALL MOGULS BURY THE HATCHET

Passage of Resolutions Virtually a Victory for Pulliam.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—President Pulliam has won out in his fight. It is rather a burying of the hatchet, and all is now quiet in the camp of the National Commission, and Garry Herrmann and Pulliam have shaken hands across the chasm which promised at one time to separate forever those august members of the commission and cause the retirement of President Pulliam from big league baseball.

The climax of the much talked about affair came at the meeting of the National Commission at the office of President Pulliam yesterday afternoon. The entire commission, composed of Harry Pulliam, of the National League; Lar Johnson, of the American League; and chairman Herrmann, were present. Secretary John E. Bruce was also on hand.

The session lasted for several hours and the only matter taken up was the "blacklist," which caused the trouble. After it was all over there were three very expressive statements which sum up what took place at the meeting. Secretary Bruce said that all that was needed was for those interested to get together, that all had been looking at the matter from different viewpoints and needed to come to an understanding.

## Ban Johnson Reticent.

Ban Johnson had nothing to say, but August Herrmann remarked blandly that he was glad that it had all come out peacefully and was delighted that it was all over.

Harry Pulliam smiled as he said "all's well that ends well." And thus the temper in the league is ended.

Soon after the members convened the matter was discussed from all standpoints and it early appeared that there were not nearly so many differences of opinion as was expected. The result was a happy issue, in which a resolution was offered by Mr. Pulliam and which was afterward unanimously adopted. This resolution virtually means that the National Commission says it is able to take care of its own affairs and does not need and will not consider any suggestion from the National Association.

**Effect of Blacklist.**

When the association adopted the resolution which blacklisted the players who were with the Tri-State two years ago, it practically put twenty-two men outside the ranks of organized baseball. It was this which aroused the righteous indignation of President Pulliam and caused the breach in the National Commission.

J. H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association, had been invited to attend the meeting and was present in an armchair. When Herrmann announced that Farrell would not be required to be present it was evident that the big moguls had been able to adjust their own differences.

No other business was considered by the commission, and the session will be continued this morning, when all other matters now before the commission will be disposed of.

**CLEARS UP TANGLE IN Y. M. C. A. GAME**

**SHERMAN VICTOR IN SECOND MATCH**

**AGAIN DEFEATS IRVING LONG IN CHAMPIONSHIP POOL SERIES.**

Frank Sherman again defeated Irving Long last night at the Brunswick Pool Parlor, in the second night's play of their 1200 ball pool match. Total score: Sherman, 405; Long, 328.

Sherman was in superb form, and his execution of difficult shots was little short of marvelous. From the first frame Sherman gradually drew away from his opponent.

High run in last night's game was forty-seven balls, made by Sherman. In accomplishing this feat he equaled Long's run made in the first night's game. Sherman's first high run in last night's game was twenty-six balls, made in the fourth and fifth frames. Long played well whenever he had the opportunity to play, but, although Sherman kept him continually making the break shot for him, and did most of the playing himself.

**Y. M. C. A. WRESTLERS AWAIT THE PRELIMS**

The annual tournament of the wrestling club of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in the association gymnasium on Monday, March 2, and Thursday, March 5, the preliminaries to be conducted on the first named dates.

In order to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding concerning weight classes, separate classes have been arranged, with definite limits in each class. The following is the list of classes: 100 to 110 pounds, 110 to 120 pounds, 120 to 128 pounds, 128 to 138 pounds, 138 to 148 pounds, heavyweight, and above 148 pounds.

The winners in each event will be presented with a very pretty Y. M. C. A. bronze monogram mounted on an oak shield. The tournament will be sanctioned and under the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union. The entries will close on the afternoon of Monday, March 2, with C. E. Beckett, Y. M. C. A., 1726 G Street northwest.

## AWFUL EXAMPLE.

About two months ago one of our farmer friends dropped in and stopped for a moment. He couldn't afford to take the paper and just had to do without it. He dropped in again last Saturday and plunked down \$1.50 for a year in advance—and then heaved a big sigh of relief. Everything had gone wrong since the Farmer ceased to visit him. His chickens refused to lay, his cows got on the alfalfa and died, and his hogs got the cholera. The rats gnawed holes in his granary, and his wheat ran out and the birds ate it up. His windmill blew over and killed a horse, and his best shepherd dog got a bone in his throat and choked to death. His children got the measles and his wife mashed her thumb in the Farmer broke into his smokehouse and stole his winter's supply of meats, and fire destroyed several stacks of his alfalfa. He bought groceries of a traveling faker and never got them, while his neighbor escaped because he read in the Farmer to watch out for crooks.

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## JOHN W. ROGERS DIES IN SOUTH

Famous Trainer Developed Many Turf Champions.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 26.—John W. Rogers, trainer of the racing stable of Harry Payne Whitney, died here yesterday of pneumonia.

John W. Rogers was one of the best liked and best known trainers in the country, and when the news of his death reached New York yesterday expressions of keen sorrow were heard wherever horsemen congregated, and many messages of condolence were sent to his employer, Harry Payne Whitney, whose friendship for his trainer was such that he went to Aiken last week to see personally that everything possible was done for him.

Years ago Rogers was interested in trotting horses, but quickly transferred his attention to thoroughbreds, and established himself in short order as one of the leading trainers. He handled horses in turn for Clifford Bell, Edward Corrihan, the master of Hawthorne, the late Capt. S. B. Brown, the late William C. Whitney, and Harry Payne Whitney. He saddled Troubadour when that good horse won the Suburban Handicap in 1886, and trained Lamp-lighter, among others.

After leaving the employ of the late Capt. Sam Brown he entered into partnership with Bob Rose, and together they raced Clifford, one of the best horses of his day. When that partnership was dissolved he trained an extensive stable for the late William C. Whitney, and on Mr. Whitney's death continued in the service of Harry Payne Whitney.

During recent years he had developed and trained many brilliant performers, including Gunfire, Artful, which beat Slewfoot among others in the Futurity of 1904 and which won the Brighton Handicap in 1906. Burgmaster, the champion two-year-old filly last year; Brookdale, Nymph, and Endurance by Right.

Mr. Rogers was taken ill some two weeks ago at Mr. Whitney's farm at Aiken.

## Umpire Howls; Newspaper Men On His Nerves

**Sporting Writers on the Job First With Decisions.**

Behold the woes of the judge of play, how he sweats in the hot sun and is assailed from every side.

Steve Kane, of the American Association, is the latest to make a howl and his is the most original sprung on an unsuspecting and long suffering public.

Kane says the afternoon newspapers are the bane of his existence. In the association most of the press boxes are on the ground floor, immediately in front of the grandstand. Every once in a while the reporters and sporting writers for the afternoon pink or green or yellow extras report as follows: "Bill Jones says nothing second. Bum decision by Umpire So and So." "Local favorite strikes out, bum decision."

In a Toledo paper Umpire Kane devotes some half column of space telling how this unfavorable criticism made his life miserable. Umpire Kane should advance to the American League, where the press boxes are on the roof—then he wouldn't hear the unfavorable comments.

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